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Rachel Fice of Bowmanville puts her game face on during the second Memorial Sensei Chapman Karate Tournament in Haliburton on Sunday. The competition, which featured kata, weapons and sparring, attracted black belt, adult and junior participants from across Ontario. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Locals reeling over Trump victory

By Mark Arike

Locals, some with ties to America, reacted to Donald Trump’s presidential victory. Former Dysart councillor and local businesswoman Janis Parker was at a bar called Bovey’s in Bradenton, Fla. watching the results on television. “I was surprised how close Florida was,” she said in a phone interview early in the

proceedings. Parker is a frequent Florida visitor who owns a home in Bradenton. When Parker left the bar about 10 p.m., she said everyone thought the southern part of Florida would vote Hillary Clinton. She said people were commenting on the gruelling length of the election process and that “there was more excitement regarding the NBA game between Cleveland and Atlanta than the election,”

she wrote in an email. Parker predicted Florida would go red and she was right. Trump edged Clinton in that state for 29 electoral college votes. Sensing overwhelming support for Trump from the beginning, she said, “I’m not really surprised with the outcome. After Rob Ford, anything is possible.” Gord Cochrane, a dual Canadian-American citizen, watched the results at

his home on Haliburton Lake. “I am still stunned!” Cochrane wrote in an email. Born in Toronto, Cochrane moved to Dubuque, Iowa with his family at the age of five. He became a lawyer in Chicago in 1974 and retired in 2007. A volunteer basketball coach at the high school, he spends about 10 months of the year in

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Haliburton.

He went to Illinois last month to vote early on Oct. 24. A self-described political junkie, he doesn't hide the fact he voted for Clinton and the Democrats.

"I follow everything very closely in the states," he said in a phone interview a few days before election night.

Eight years ago, Cochrane and his wife worked on the Obama campaign for five weeks in Michigan. He attended the first black president's inauguration and worked on his second campaign in Iowa

for more than a month. He was one of a dozen people who heard Obama speak at an open house when he ran for Senate in 2008.

It was a difficult night for Cochrane. He turned the TV off around 1 a.m. and went to bed when he saw the direction it was headed. He was up three hours later, back in front of the screen, only to find out Trump had been

declared president.

"I slept fitfully the rest of the night," he said. "I still can't comprehend this. So many angry white voters, just like Brexit."

Although he is "apprehensive" about the next four years, the outcome isn't going to affect his future travel plans.

But he admits he fears for the country and the world.

"He [Trump] can't control himself. When Obama says he's not fit to be president, I agree with him completely."

Haliburton resident Dennis Casey was on vacation in Siesta Key, a barrier island in Florida by the Gulf of Mexico. He didn't make the trip because of the election, but has been following the action closely for the past year. Of the 10 residents he spoke to, the majority were Trump supporters.

The former Dysart councillor said, "Trump voters are either diehard Republicans or sick of the Clinton corruption."

He [Trump] can't control himself. When Obama says he's not fit to be president, I agree with him completely.

Gord Cochrane
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Boshkung brews available at local LCBO outlets

By Mark Arike

It's taken a year for Boshkung Brewing Co. to get its award-winning beers onto LCBO store shelves.

"It's the system," said Terri Matthews-Carl, co-owner of the local microbrewery. "There are a lot of steps involved."

For example, their beers underwent testing and they had to have finished labels ready to go.

Their North County Kellerbier—one of four staple brews—is available at 120 LCBO stores across Ontario and about 40 grocery stores. It won gold at last year's Canadian Brewing Awards.

The LCBO approved it for a fall release while the 35 & 118 Cream Ale is being approved for a spring/summer release.

In one day alone, they shipped 450 cases of 24 cans. That's 10,800 cans, some of which will be sold individually.

"It's fantastic," said Matthews-Carl, who credits her staff with the recent accomplishment.

"We're really proud, proud of where we come from," she said. "We think it's great we're being recognized and seen."

It is an important achievement because it will build brand awareness and promote the Haliburton Highlands, she said.

Matthews-Carl and her partner, Christoph

Carl, recently hired two new full-time employees to oversee distribution. The former locals returned to the county because of the job opportunity.

The business has seven full-time and three part-time employees.

The couple plans to get their other brands in stores and eventually expand to The Beer Store.

But for now they're asking for support from their customers. The availability of their beer depends on it.

"We got out into them—and we're actively pursuing more stores as well. But it's up to them whether they continue to buy."

Once the LCBO has issued a purchase order for a product, it is up to each store manager whether or not to carry the product, according to the LCBO.

All four brands are available at grocery stores and licensees, such as bars and restaurants.

The brewery is located near Carnarvon off Highway 118. It is in the same building as the couple's other business venture, Rhubarb Restaurant.

In July they purchased the former property of Minden's Beer Store. They plan to open the second brewery space next spring or summer.

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A turtle project made by Heaven

By Lisa Harrison

The county's three-year turtle mortality mitigation project has been so successful it's being used as a case study by the province and is drawing interest across the country, according to project volunteers.

Funded by the province, the project was developed and implemented by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT). Support was provided by volunteers, students with the U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research, interns and sponsors, including the County of Haliburton.

HHLT consultant Paul Heaven and volunteer Sheila Ziman presented the final project report to Algonquin Highlands council at its Nov. 3 meeting.

Heaven, a senior wildlife biologist and principal with Glenside Ecological Services Limited, noted five of the county's six species are at risk and existing mitigation methods have had varied degrees of success.

Heaven designed a unique method using curved barrier walls to "funnel" turtles toward a slightly submerged culvert that passes under County Road 1 (Gelert Road).

In May and June from 2014 to 2016, volunteers, students and interns dedicated a total of 5,500 hours to monitoring. Cameras at either end of the test culvert took time-stamped photos every minute – more than 760,000 images – to help determine the number and species of

turtles entering and exiting. Results at the test site were compared to two control sites without barriers.

"We defined 60 successful passages of all species of turtle moving through that [test] underpass," said Heaven. "Those numbers ... are not heard of in the literature out there. Usually there's one or two species documented moving through an underpass and that's about it."

Heaven said it was also exciting to see that the more expensive, engineered mitigation solutions aren't needed.

Ziman said HHLT is very proud of the project, and it is now used as a model demonstration site for best practice. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has already brought people to the site, including developers who are required to do wetland mitigation work. Several environmental groups and conservation areas have shown great interest.

Turtle experts were "absolutely blown away" by Heaven's presentation at the Canadian Herpetological Society's annual conference in September, said Ziman.

"There's been so much bad news about declining biodiversity and the crashing of turtle populations and mitigation that just didn't work that they were all so impressed that this actually worked."

Heaven is now talking about placing similar infrastructure elsewhere, and working with townships doing road repair and culvert replacement in wetlands.



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A year in ...

I'm not going to lie; my first few weeks in Haliburton last year were rough.

Not only did I arrive at the tail-end of October, meaning I had to wait another eight months to experience a beautiful summer in Haliburton – which I have since discovered lives up to its reputation – I had no furniture, stored food in a malfunctioning fridge, slept on a blow up mattress that my cat miraculously left untouched, and, worst of all, had next to zero connections.

I'm a pretty optimistic person, however, so the first few items on that list didn't bother me long.

In fact, I'm happy to report that when I'm playing video games or watching the dumpster fire also known as the 2016 presidential election, I'm sitting on a couch or lounging on a queen-sized bed. My fridge is also keeping things cold now, too.

But as a journalist, not having a finger on the community's pulse was off-putting, especially after I had just left a situation in Saskatchewan where I was rooted and had tentacles all over the place. In the Prairies, I got regular news tips, had the police chief on speed dial, and despite mispronouncing her name during our first five encounters, I formed a positive working relationship with a lawyer while covering court proceedings.

It's been a year since I began working for *The Highlander*, and only now do I feel a similar level of integration with the highlands.

And it feels great.

Sure, I upset a lot of people at the start by exposing them to questions like, "Wait, how far is the Algonquin Highlands township office?" and "I have to go to Kashig-a-wig-a-what road?"

Nowadays, I get phone calls from complete strangers with stories to tell. I know exactly where I can pass people on that windy stretch between Haliburton and Minden when I'm in a hurry. I'm heavily involved with Haliburton's basketball community. I'm officially Kozified, meaning when I show up at the Kosy Korner on a Sunday afternoon, I feel at home, and when I call the restaurant on Wednesday during the newspaper's production day, the person on the other end of the phone almost always knows I'm about to order a banquet burger.

I'm also well aware of the county's unique challenges. Haliburton County is still one of Ontario's poorest communities with major gaps in high-speed Internet service. Extra-curricular activities for youth are few and far between. Affordable housing is largely absent and animal-vehicle collisions continue to be a top priority for local police and Ontario's Ministry of Transportation.

As a reporter, it's important that I keep tabs on these items, because every community has its challenges and it would be irresponsible to brush them under the rug.

But I cannot ignore Haliburton's immense

potential and natural wonders.

The number of people working to make Haliburton a better place is staggering. Organizations and subcommittees across the county are made up of hundreds of dedicated volunteers; young and old, men and women. The gorgeous, natural vistas across Haliburton are complemented by a strong arts community that never fails to impress, and one would be hard-pressed to find a community where energy-independence and efficiency is as visible as it is here.

As a 25-year-old who is looking to build a career in the fascinatingly unstable world of journalism, I feel hugely fortunate to be a member of an independent organization like *The Highlander*, which also happens to be situated in one of the most gorgeous places I have ever seen.

Despite our small team, I think we do a great job of covering the county, and the feedback we receive on a regular basis is extremely helpful.

I know I have room to grow as a journalist, but I think I'm exactly where I need to be in order for that to happen.

I have no idea what the future holds but it's safe to say that the present has never felt this good.



By Alex Coop

Making the most of the arts

If there was any doubt of the importance of the arts in the Highlands, it was quickly dispelled at the second SPARC (Symposium for Performing Arts in Rural Communities). Hosted by the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands, the biennial event drew more than 100 participants from across Canada.

The fact that the arts community here feels that it has the heft to mount a three-and-a-half-day gathering focused on the performing arts in small towns is proof that the arts run deep in our community. The event focused on performing arts, an important sector, but just one aspect of the many artistic endeavours alive and thriving in the Highlands. The Arts Council hosted an inaugural SPARC in 2014, and while the community proved to be a perfect host for the gathering, alas it must relinquish that honour to another rural community in Ontario for 2018.

The symposium attracted more than 125 delegates. There were many from the Highlands, but the majority travelled from various points across the country. There was even one presenter who hailed from the Philippines.

Those attending could choose from a rich variety of seminars. As well, a series of keynote speakers stimulated introspection on the challenges of creating performance art outside of the major centres.

One of those presenters was Inga Petri

who claims two communities as her home: Ottawa and Whitehorse in the Yukon. Her presentation was entitled Growing a Sustainable Rural Arts Eco-System. For several months leading up to her presentation, Petri polled the arts community in the Highlands through an online survey. There were more than 100 respondents. This is the second survey she has completed and will likely form the basis of a broader study of performance in a rural setting. I found her survey results fascinating. For example:

- not surprisingly 83 per cent of the respondents felt that a vibrant performing arts community brought energy and vitality to the community
- 82 per cent thought the performing arts draws people to our community
- 75 per cent felt the performing arts created a sense of pride in the broader community, generating a sense of belonging and being a part of something important.

Other results endorsed the performing arts as something which improves the quality of life for residents (73 per cent); builds a stronger sense of community (63 per cent); and adds to the health and well-being of the community (54 per cent). Only 53 per cent felt a vibrant performing arts community built a stronger and more diverse economy, a comment that refers to

the broader economic impact of the performing arts, but also acknowledges that most performers are in the business because it is a calling rather than for financial reward.

Petri noted that the concentration of artists in all genres attracts others and creates a self-perpetuating system in which those who have reached a level of professionalism become the teachers of those starting out. We see this all the time in the mentoring and encouragement that happens here. She also noted that formal education structures, the college, dance and music instructors and others are examples of the infrastructure that sustains the performing arts in the Highlands.

I often hear people say how they are amazed by the quantity and quality of arts we have in the Highlands. Often, because art is a constant in our environment, we don't see it as unusual and, in fact, believe that other communities are equally blessed. But in talking with those attending the SPARC event, I sensed that our situation is not the norm across the country. We are indeed fortunate.



By Jack Brezina

Correction

Last week's story "Planned gas station fuels controversy" incorrectly stated that the open house took place at the Dysart et al council chambers. The meeting took place at the Haliburton Legion. *The Highlander* apologizes for the error.

Editorial opinion

Guest Column

A child's war



Submitted by Michael Barnes

I was six years old in 1940. At first a hostilities highlight was creeping out late at night from my bedroom to the back yard to watch the dogfights in the night sky. There were not many Spitfires but they sure tore into the enemy bombers.

South west London was considered a prime bombing target so I joined a train load of 800 other children and we went north to Leicester to an apparently less dangerous place to live.

Billeting officers led gaggles of a dozen evacuees door to door on residential streets. Boys kept getting turned down by harried housewives, who often thought girls might be more helpful around the house. Finally I found a spot in a home for the next year. The couple where I stayed offered no semblance of family life to their reluctant guest and after school in company with other boys we ran the streets until my 'hosts' came home from work.

I became a writer in later life and attribute this later success to the early practice given by weekly letters my eight-year-old fingers penned begging to be allowed to come home.

Eventually the bombing raids worked their way north to Leicester and at last my parents were able to have me come home. School days spent often in lengthy periods in shelters and nights in a damp back yard dug-out shelter were no hardship for I was just so happy to be home.

I now look back at it all and the experience of war time life, seeing occasional death and frequent destruction and am thankful our family was not bombed out as others we knew.

I was able to go to London in 1946 to watch the Victory Parade on the Mall leading to Buckingham Palace. As I stood on that flag- draped avenue, I reflected

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Lions help local pet owners From left, Haliburton & District Lions Club members Gord and Kathryn Kidd with Saul present a \$300 cheque to Haliburton Pet Owners' Assistance Fund (HPOAF) director Joan Middleton and Geneva Oct. 29 in Head Lake Park. The HPOAF is a registered charity founded last October to help lower income pet owners in Haliburton County with the cost of non-routine veterinary services. Photo by John Middleton.

I was entitled to share in the joy and jubilation that day. I had survived. (Editor's note: Michael Barnes lives in Minden. He is a Canadian author who has written four books on Haliburton County. In 1994 he was made a Member of the Order of Canada. He was born in England in 1943, was a wartime child evacuee, and emigrated to Canada in 1956.)

There was love in the air

Dear editor,

Recently I had the pleasure of singing with my fellow Shout Sisters at our local Extendicare home. It was a joy to witness the pleasure of most of the residents. Some just listened and some danced

with the encouragement of a caring staff member. There was love in the air for all of us. Thanks to the residents and the staff for inviting us.

Ann Maher
Haliburton County

Deer hunting questions to be answered

By the time you read this missive, the gun hunt for deer will have been on for four days and many of the important questions about this year's hunt will already have been answered.

You know ... the game changers, the will he/won't he quandaries that make or break a good hunt.

Like, just where did all the deer go?

How do they know that they should move into the village mere days before half of the villagers move out to seek deer in the bush?

Why is it that the darn things will stand stock still in the middle of the road, just waiting for an unsuspecting driver to careen right into them, but, when that same fellow is sitting on a watch hoping to see a deer, especially a stationary one, they either don't show at all or bound past at about 40 miles per hour, dodging and

weaving like world champ middle-weight boxers?

How is it that a chipmunk can make more noise than a deer? That one really vexes me. As I sit still as stone, tense as a tightly wound spring, ready to leap into action at the merest hint of a white tail, why do the local chipmunks decide to impersonate the approach of a herd of deer? Only, upon discovery, to sit and stare at me like I'm some kind of dullard for even thinking about pointing my rifle at them.

And that brings me to perhaps my most pressing question. What would my hunt boss, the Barber, think if I actually shot one of these pesky critters?

No, I don't mean a deer because I know if I did shoot myself a deer he'd be ecstatic. The fact is that I think he's losing hope for me. It's been three years now and I've had my chances. Once, three deer ran

right by me. My stone-like meditative state crumbled and my tightly wound spring uncoupled in my unholy tangled mess as I blazed away, with at least two eyes closed, missing all three of the deer with twice as many shots. I'm beginning to think that he only asks me into the camp so that they don't have to make fun of the guy from Toronto, again.

What I'm actually talking about is taking out a chipmunk. Is it bad form to eliminate with extreme prejudice the little critter that, when not impersonating herds of deer, is sitting on a nearby rock chuckling at me? That said, how I hope to hit a chipmunk when I've failed to even graze an animal over a hundred times larger than it, is a question that I know not the answer to.

But, what would the Barber do? He'd hear the crack of a rifle and reach for

his radio. "Who's shootin'? Do we have a hit? Come back to me boys." would be his husky, half whispered voice coming over the radio waves.

"Erm, yep, I er, I got it."

"Is that you, Willy. Good boy. Buck or doe?"

"Well, er, I can't really tell. There's not much of it left..."

Would I be drummed out of camp? Or would they carry me aloft and have the head of my first kill at the camp mounted alongside the moose that giant buck from 1972?

There are many questions that perplex us hunters as we go into deer season. Some need explanation. Others, well I guess they are best left unanswered.



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: What does Veterans' Week mean to you?



Ray Isaacs
Haliburton

I'm very much anti-war ... but these things happen ... and veterans need to be honoured and remembered.



Kimberly Warnica
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It means that you should respect and remember people who fought for your freedom.



Patrica Davies
Haliburton

It gives me time to reflect on what we have and what we are able to do ... our freedom.



Danny McCabe
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It's an all-year thing for me ... remembering fallen veterans and hoping war is not repeated.



Doreene Churko
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AH takes action on sewage disposal

Algonquin Highlands is proceeding with the first phase in expanding the McClintock septage lagoon to help address ongoing sewage disposal concerns.

Council decided to proceed with soils assessment feasibility testing for the two dewatering trenches on adjacent Crown land during its Nov. 3 meeting. A similar solid-waste filtering trench is used in Highlands East.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has already approved ground testing. Cambium Environmental has proposed to do the planning, monitoring and assessment work for \$4,975 before taxes. A Dorset-area contractor will dig 12 large test pits at an estimated upset cost of \$860, which may increase if the distance between pits increases.

The work will be completed this fall if the weather permits, or next spring. The unbudgeted funds will be taken from the lagoon reserve fund.

If the testing is successful, the next step is to purchase the land. If the testing can be done this fall, staff may be able to include the land cost in the 2017 budget. (Lisa Harrison)

Municipal fee changes for AH

Building department fees for decks, docks and porches in Algonquin Highlands will double to \$200 from \$100 under proposed revisions to the township's fees and charges bylaw.

Council reviewed proposed increases and reductions during the annual review of the bylaw at the Nov. 3 regular meeting.

Building staff advised that construction visits have risen

County in brief

to as many as five for porches and three for decks and docks, and that the proposed new rate is in keeping with rates in other municipalities.

Additional proposed changes include reductions in certain septic and sewer system fees, increases in airport hangar lease fees, increases in fees for admittance of large vehicles to the Dorset Scenic Lookout Tower and more.

The proposed changes will be advertised and the revised bylaw draft will be tabled at the Nov. 17 meeting. (Lisa Harrison)

Airport gets name change – of a kind

The county's only airport is about to get a name change, but only for the public.

The "Haliburton" in Haliburton/Stanhope Municipal Airport will be dropped when new signage is created by Algonquin Highlands, which owns and operates the airport.

The decision was made at AH council's Nov. 3 regular meeting during a discussion about changing the older signage for consistency with the current AH sign template. Reeve Carol Moffatt said the county no longer contributes to airport funding, and Ward 1 councillor Brian Lynch suggested returning to the original name of Stanhope.

Airport manager Cam Loucks confirmed the airport name is already abbreviated to Stanhope in radio calls in the airport's airspace. Moffatt supported the change, saying "...it's about what is the most long-standing, entrenched and convenient use."

Loucks confirmed the signage can be changed to Stanhope without changing the Haliburton/Stanhope registration with aviation authorities. (Lisa Harrison)

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Highlander news

Places for People goes solar

By Alex Coop

An unassuming house on West Road in Minden Hills got a major upgrade recently that will help its owners, Places for People, save around \$4,000 in energy costs.

Representatives from Places for People, Haliburton Solar and Wind and Churko Electric unveiled their latest 10kW Net Metering Project Monday morning, which consists of new ground-mounted polycell solar panels in the side yard and an inverter installed on the house.

Derek Beachli Construction was also a partner on the project.

The project will not only help them save money on energy costs, says Places for People's property committee chair John Rogers, but allow the not-for-profit company to allocate additional resources to house maintenance and other projects.

There are currently two families in the West Road unit.

"This project and the money we saved [on this project] thanks to our partners is a big help," Rogers said, referring to the nearly \$6,000 in price reductions.

"We can't thank them enough."

Places for People president Max Ward said the Haliburton County Development Corporation provided them with \$4,000 that went towards the project as well.

Brian Nash, owner of Haliburton Solar and Wind, didn't say what the total cost of the metering project was, but net metering projects range from \$28,000-



From left, John Rogers (Places for People), Brian Nash and Michelle Coleman (Haliburton Solar and Wind), Max Ward (Places for People), and Steve Churko (Churko Electric) at the solar site in Carnarvon. Photo by Alex Coop.

\$40,000 depending on site conditions and equipment prices.

The upgrades should last for about 40 years, Nash says, and opportunities to bolt more upgrades onto the existing renewable energy system are entirely possible.

A net-metered system allows for a property to generate its own electricity while remaining connected to the grid. Excess generated power can go back into the grid, allowing customers to offset the cost of power drawn.

Nash says technologies in the renewable

energy field are rapidly expanding every day, but the tools they installed for Places for People are tried and tested.

"There are lots of cool new bells and whistles, but we have a very strong belief in proven, reliable products. We don't tend to be early adopters with our customers," he said.

A request for proposal (RFP) was sent out earlier this year by Places for People. Four proposals were submitted. One of them came from a company in Peterborough, Rogers says, but ultimately,

Haliburton Solar and Wind was the top bidder.

Construction began at the end of September after a series of preliminary studies on the Places for People's other two properties, which assessed the homes' solar compatibility.

Places for People builds affordable rental housing in Haliburton County for those at risk of homelessness.

Rising hydro costs were a big reason why they pursued an opportunity to build a net-metered system, Rogers says.



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Highlander news

Lack of grants a challenge for county

By Mark Arike

A decrease in government funding is putting pressure on the County of Haliburton.

Councillors heard about a lack of available grants, both at the provincial and federal levels, during a recent special meeting.

"The biggest area of concern, right now, is due to some of our grant funding not coming in," said treasurer Elaine Taylor.

In 2016, the grants the county budgeted for—but will not receive—total \$206,000.

All grant programs are oversubscribed, said Taylor.

"There's just not enough money to go around. That will be a big pressure for next year as well."

"We are making efforts to reduce expenditures to account for lower revenues," she wrote in a report.

In September, Taylor told council she wanted to implement zero-based budgeting. This method of budgeting starts from a "zero base" and every function within an organization is analyzed for its needs and costs.

The lack of available funding is a

significant concern, CAO Mike Rutter told *The Highlander*.

"So many of our programs get started using grant funding," said Rutter. "When that grant funding disappears, that program carries on, so that expense is there."

Many application-based grants now focus on water and sewer infrastructure, which isn't applicable to Haliburton County, he said.

It's also anticipated the county will need to invest money into the Cell Gap Project, led by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN). The project, which is expected to cost \$300 million, will improve mobile broadband services in the county.

"While we are certainly hopeful that senior levels of government will pay the majority of that and what they don't pay the private sector will cover, but we anticipate there will probably be a requirement for a county contribution," he said.

The dollar value isn't known at this time.

Rutter felt the recent meeting was beneficial to staff and councillors.

"I think it was a really productive



County Council CAO Mike Rutter. Photo by Mark Arike.

meeting," he said, pointing out no decisions were made.

"I think there was good dialogue and a good understanding on the part of the

politicians."

The next budget discussion will likely take place early in December.

Historical society undertakes sign project

By Mark Arike

The Haliburton County Historical Society is embarking on a multi-year project to recognize local landmarks and waypoints along roadways.

"These places have significance in local history ... places that were identified as meeting places long before 911 locations came into being," Margaret Giles, the organization's secretary, told a recent

county council meeting.

The society's first, ongoing project, identifies historical buildings with plaques.

The long-term goal is to "gather stories and data about each location, verify the information and publish it in a booklet" with directions for a road trip around the county, said Giles.

They will fundraise to pay for the green and cream-coloured signs.

Giles requested approval from the county

to proceed and information from staff, such as guidelines and restrictions.

"We are asking for help to be directed to whatever departments that we should talk to."

The cost will depend on the number of locations, Giles told *The Highlander*. Eighteen spots have been identified so far.

"We've received some that are in the towns," she said, referring to one location at the corner of Mountain Street and Maple

Avenue in Haliburton.

Councillor Brent Devolin said the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and its committee are working on initiatives "along the same lines." He suggested the county's tourism committee get involved. Reeve Carol Moffatt suggested the group get in touch with the Stanhope Heritage Museum to look into the possibility of creating an online presence on the Highlands Heritage website.

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Building permit applications are way up Internet-based companies beginning to make a splash

By Alex Coop

Fifteen years ago, the majority of residential permit applications were for 1,500-square-foot bungalows, says Dysart et al's building inspector, Dan Sayers.

There were many of them but they were easy to manage, he explains.

It was a simpler time.

But Sayers, who will retire at the end of March, is now dealing with highly elaborate homes, some reaching 4,000-square-feet, he says, and more of them are located in the thick forests near Harcourt and Kennis Lake, doubling, sometimes tripling his daily commute to and from sites.

"We're finding that the inspections are spottier," he explained. "And because these seasonal dwellings are so big and elaborate, you can't do as many inspections in a day

... sometimes it's a chore just to keep up with it."

It's a pattern that repeated itself throughout 2016, Sayers adds, just like the massive spike in commercial permit applications, which in 2016, reached 20.

That is more than the annual totals in 2014 and 2016.

All of this year's applications have contributed to a total value of about \$35.8 million, exceeding 2014's total of \$34.8 million, and matching last year's annual total.

Dysart's director of planning and development, Patricia Martin, says today's lower interest rates are likely a factor in the overall uptake in permit applications.

But according to a recent report from the Bank of Canada, the federal government's new measures to promote stability in

the housing market – which includes a mortgage rate stress and new restrictions – will end up slowing down residential investment.

There are other factors, however, that are adding to Haliburton's increased permit activity.

"We also have an increase in the seniors population, so we're dealing with a lot of housing issues," she said.

The Silver Beach, Granite Cove, Granite View and Wallings Way condominium projects, Martin says, are partially addressing the demand for seniors housing.

"The successful arts college in the area is also driving people to the area," she added.

Martin also pointed to Haliburton's Internet-based companies, like Living Libations and Patient News, which are looking to make a permanent home in

Haliburton.

Living Libations in particular, a family-owned business, which produces natural, organic, botanical beauty and oral care products, is looking to build a 7,000 square-foot building just off Harburn Road.

Martin says she expects companies like it to settle in Haliburton more as time goes on.

"We're not on the main transportation route, so we're never going to be competitive with areas that are on the major highways, so we have to focus on companies where location is not an issue. Those kinds of companies do very well here because what we offer here is a lifestyle."

The owners of Living Libations were not immediately available for comment.



A boost for Point in Time

Supporting Performing Arts in Rural Communities (SPARC) presented members of Point in Time with a \$500 cheque that will go towards Point in Time's LGBT Youth Program in order to support youth who wish to pursue the performing arts. SPARC hosted a screening of the Rocky Horror Picture Show Oct. 28 at the Pinestone Resort. From left, Chris Lynd (SPARC), Tammy Rea (SPARC), Fay Martin (SPARC), Marg Cox (Point in Time) and Rachel Gillooly (SPARC). Photo by Alex Coop.

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Highlander news

Province should pay for municipalities' OMB costs

By Mark Arike

County councillors are not interested in giving taxpayers a free ride when it comes to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

The provincial government is currently undertaking a review to look at land use plans and Ontario's land use planning system. The OMB, an independent tribunal that hears appeals on planning decisions, is also part of that analysis.

It is expensive to participate in an OMB hearing, according to the province's consultation document. People have raised concerns about their ability to file an appeal because of money.

"We want the process, including the experience of participating in a hearing, to be welcoming and not overwhelming nor intimidating," the document states.

The government is looking into "funding tools to help citizens retain their own planning experts and/or lawyers."

Since municipalities must also pay for their participation in OMB hearings, County of Haliburton planning director Charley White believes they should be given the same consideration.

"This can result in costly multi-year expenditures for a municipality," wrote White in a report. "If funding is considered for private citizens, funding should also be considered for municipalities who are using taxpayer dollars to fund OMB hearings."

In one particular appeal, which took 10 years to complete, the county spent more than \$100,000 on legal fees, consultants and advertising, among others. In addition, Minden Hills also incurred expenses because the property in question was located in the township.

The appeal was dismissed by the board in March.

The money spent by the county is miniscule compared to the millions some municipalities spend to defend themselves, said White.

"It seems to me they have to fix the front end before they fund the back end," said County Warden Carol Moffatt during a recent council meeting.

"You're going to see the number of challenges to planning decisions go through the roof because it's a free ride."

"Frivolous," added Councillor Brent Devolin.

Councillor Murray Fearrey described it as "another act of socialism."



Councillors Brent Devolin and Andrea Roberts provide their input.
Photo by Mark Arike.

"What we're doing now is using taxpayers' money to fight taxpayers. There's no penalty for filing an improper complaint," said Fearrey.

It currently costs \$125 to file an appeal.

"As part of our consultation, we will be asking stakeholders about possible funding tools, and eligibility criteria," Brendan Crawley, a spokesman for the Ministry of the Attorney General, told *The Highlander*. "It is too early to say what those tools or costs will be."

Crawley is encouraging individuals, businesses and councils to provide their input by the Dec. 19 deadline.

"With this input and advice, our government will develop reforms that put people and communities first," he said.

During the recent meeting, Councillor Andrea Roberts expressed frustration with the duration of appeals. She said there have been several instances of hearing dates being delayed.

"We could add a comment in there about a reasonable timeline," said White.

The county will submit its comments to the province in a letter.

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Dr. Joan Grant, with Wes Lytle, at her retirement party Sunday at the Pinestone. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Retired vet busier than ever

Dr. Joan Grant may be retired as a vet but she is busier than ever, she told *The Highlander* at her official farewell Sunday at the Pinestone.

Dr. Grant had provided regular locum services to the Haliburton Veterinary Service for 27 years before retiring Sept. 1.

Dr. Grant admitted to missing the client and animal bond but said she is far from bored.

She has been working with the Syrian newcomer family, driving one of the youngsters to Sick Kids in Toronto for

doctor's appointments after he broke his leg. She also drives the family to the mosque in Peterborough. She has also joined the Shout Sisters choir.

"I'm joining things. I'm having a busy time," she joked.

Dr. Laurie Brown, who has worked with Dr. Grant since 1989, had nothing but praise for her former colleague. She called her "a reliable fixture at the clinic" and said she was "incredibly compassionate, dedicated, caring and thorough." (Lisa Gervais)



Hewitt lends a hand to palliative centre project

Larry Hewitt has fulfilled a promise he made more than two years ago.

The owner of Hawk River Construction donated more than \$5,000 worth of services to Haliburton Highlands Health Services for pre-construction work at the site of the new palliative centre. His staff spent four days creating a new entrance to the parking lot and improving the parking area.

The centre, which is at the back of the Haliburton hospital, is expected to take six months to build and cost \$1.25 million.

Hewitt, right, with HHHSF campaign co-chair Don Popple and HHHSF executive director Dale Walker on Nov. 4. Photo by Mark Arike.

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Highlander veterans

Living with PTSD after Afghanistan

By Jennifer Hughey

Afghanistan War veteran Parry Hiuser thinks everyday should be Remembrance Day.

"Remember all vets, especially the living ... they need our help more than they know," Hiuser, of Wilberforce, told *The Highlander* in 2014.

Hiuser grew up in Woodstock and joined the military when he was 31. He was shipped to Afghanistan in February 2008.

"I was a licenced mechanic already," he said, "and got to join the army as a mechanic so it was a win-win for me."

He went to Quebec for basic training, to Base Borden in Ontario for conversion training to learn about military vehicles, graduated and went to Charlotte, MB.

He was posted with the 1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, spent four years there and then joined the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry 2nd Battalion, which he went on tour with.

"Basically, we were trained in a three-block-board," he said, "... first was fighting, and then second was reconstruction and the third part was mentoring the Afghan National Police and Afghan National Army for them to be able to take up their own arms and fight their own battle ..."

He spent his first three months at the Kandahar Airfield (or KAF as many

soldiers called it), located more than 15 km south-east of Kandahar City, one of the country's largest military bases.

Hiuser remembers his time spent at the Forward Operating Base (FOB) Wilson, in the Zhari District, where the threat level was higher and the fighting was more intense.

"My last four months I spent what they call outside the wire," he said. "That was a totally different environment that was right in the midst of where all the fighting was going on."

He vividly recounted a time when his convoy was bombed by an improvised explosive device (IED) in 65-degree Celsius heat.

"No casualties ... [but] it drilled home that there was a real threat ..." he said, adding he also witnessed both mortar and rocket attacks on a daily basis.

Hiuser compared his experience to watching a movie.

"Being inside your camp, which is relatively small, I guess ... and watching a war going on outside... you're not really in the midst of it, but you are in the midst of it."

Since returning, Hiuser has been very open about his post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and how it has affected his life. He said he felt abandoned by the military after his medical discharge.



Parry Hiuser speaks to *The Highlander* about his time in Afghanistan.

"Those last two weeks of my tour were tough," Hiuser said, holding back tears. "It was my real first exposure to Canadians that I worked with, being killed or injured on their last tour before they got to go home. It was extremely difficult. Hence the reason why I am in the situation that I am today. I have my good days, and my bad days, and my bad days are usually filled with

emotion," he said.

He has a service dog named Renegade that helps keep people at a distance when they are out in public and he said it helps relieve his anxiety.

To learn more about Perry Hiuser's journey, watch for his Veterans of Haliburton County video on *Highlander TV*, at TheHighlander.ca

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Forever a hero

By Jennifer Hughey

Len Crawford, and others like him, will forever be a hero in the eyes of many.

The 92-year-old Second World War veteran passed away in September, remembered by family, friends and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 624 in Wilberforce.

The Highlander was able to speak with the Harcourt Park resident in May, when he talked about his time during the war and what it meant for him.

Crawford knew he was going to be conscripted anyway, so he said he just joined. His father and other relatives had already joined, so it made sense to him.

He enlisted in 1943 and made his way to Italy. He talked about disguising himself for covert missions and night patrolling. He said they would use the cork off of a wine bottle, light it on fire so it would be quite black and then cover their faces to conceal their skin.

"It's amazing how you can pick that out at night," Crawford said, about secretly taking rafts across a canal to the enemy side, in attempts to get a prisoner for interrogation.

Crawford told us about the sound of "moaning minnies", or a type of smoke mortar weapon with 88 mm shell casings. He said once the sound stopped, that meant it was going to hit.

"[Once] I took shelter in an old farmhouse ... made of stone in Italy," Crawford said. Bombs began to drop, so he jumped off his motorcycle and crawled into what looked like a big stone fireplace.



Len Crawford.

"Looked like a big oven or something, [so] I crawled in there," he said. "It helped me because them things landed right on the roof of that place ... you could sure feel it."

After this experience, he recounts struggling with not knowing what would happen day to day, including losing fellow soldiers and dealing with conflict everywhere he went.

He said that youth should talk to their elders about war and to understand he and other vets agree "it's an awful way to die, really."

"Fight to the death. [But] that's about the way of it, isn't it?"

To watch more of Len Crawford's story, tune into *Highlander TV*.


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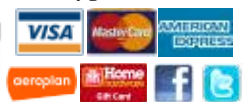
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The Highland Storm Atoms started their weekend in Omemee with a one-day tournament. The first team they played was the Collingwood Blackhawks. The Storm ended up shutting out the Blackhawks 10-0. Austin Boylan and Addison Carr scored four goals each and Aidan Perrott scored two. Aaron Neave recorded his first shutout of the season.

The Storm played the Mariposa Lightning in their second game. Within the first minute of the first period, the Lightning scored. The Lightning then scored another halfway through the first but the Storm weren't giving up and with two minutes left Boylan scored. Carr scored 15 seconds later, and just like that, the Storm were back in it, making the game 2-2 going into the second period. Perrott scored the third goal early in the second and it stayed 3-2 going into the third. However, the Lightning came back with only one minute left in the third

making it 3-3 and we were going into a shootout. Avery Degeer was the first to shoot and score. The Storm keeper, Taylor Consack made a super save on the Lightning's first attempt. Carr was the second to shoot and score and Consack made an easy save to send the Storm to the championship game.

The Storm were up against the tournament hosts, the Kawartha Coyotes, in the A finals.

Boylan got the Storm on the board early, however the Coyotes tied it a couple of minutes later. Then, with seconds left, Boylan scored his second goal making it 2-1 going into the second. Perrott scored early in the second making it 3-1. The Coyotes answered with a goal halfway into the second. Seconds later, Boylan scored his hat-trick goal and Carr got a goal with only minutes left making it 5-2 going into the third. Both teams were battling but Boylan came storming in and scored his fourth goal of the game making the final score 6-2, giving the Highland Storm Atoms their first A Championship.

The Atoms were back at it as they travelled to Huntsville to play the Otters the following day. The Otters started with

a goal but the Storm were quick to answer. The game stayed 1-1 until the final buzzer, resulting in a tie. The goal was scored by Boylan.

On Nov. 12, the atoms host the Elmvale Coyotes at the S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden at 12:30 p.m. *(Submitted by Amber Card)*

The Pepper Mill/Dollo's Foodland Bantams

The Highland Storm Bantams had a two-game weekend with one loss and one win.

Friday, Nov. 4, in Haliburton, the Storm were up against the Kawartha Coyotes. The Storm fought hard but lost 5-2. Storm goals came from Nigel Smith, assisted by Benn MacNaull and Billy Walker, and an unassisted goal from Little. It was a hard-fought, hard loss for the Storm.

The second game was played Saturday, Nov. 5 in Woodville against the Hurricanes. The rematch was won by the Storm 2-1, giving them their first win of the regular season. Goals from Billy Walker and Jaxon Gill with goaltender Ethan Glecoff keeping them in an

exciting game.

Next home game is Nov. 11 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden against the Huntsville Otters at 7:30 p.m. *(Submitted by Jennifer Gill)*

The Highlander/ Smolen Family Dentistry Midgets

The Storm travelled to Woodville to meet the Hurricanes Tuesday, Nov. 1 and returned home with a 2-2 tie. The Storm warmed up for most of the first period. It was Owen Patterson-Smith that pushed through centre ice and fought his way to the goal between the defense. He managed a shot, and then picked up his own rebound to score late in the first. The second period was a bit slow and saw no goals. A defensive error resulted in a tying goal by the Hurricanes. That led to the Storm being on their heels, which gave the Hurricanes a chance that allowed the go-ahead goal. It was time to step it up as the clock ticked down. The Storm gathered some momentum as Jacob

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Haliburton Timber Mart's 3-Stars of the Week



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Avery Degeer ATOM

What a weekend it was for our Highland Storm Atom team. It kicked off on Saturday as the Storm took part in the Kawartha Coyotes home tournament in Omemee. The Storm swept the competition three games to zero. In their first game against the Collingwood Blackhawks, Avery was a wizard on the ice, remarkably assisting on five of the Storm's 10 tallies.

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Aidan Perrott ATOM

The Highland Storm dominated the Kawartha Coyotes home tournament this past Saturday, winning their three games by a combined score of 21-5, en route to the tournament championship. Game one, the Storm won decisively 10-0 where Aidan factored in on six of those Storm goals, recording four assists to go along with two goals.

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Austin Boylan ATOM

What a start to the season it's been for Austin Boylan. With his second three-star nomination of the 2016/17 season, Austin gets the nod this week for his pension for scoring the big goals. Whether it be a goal to open or close out a game, the Highland Storm Atoms are learning to count on Boylan to lead the offensive charge with a consistently strong forecheck and high-pressure attack that has benefited the Storm early on.

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Team Pharmasave- Practice- Haliburton @ 6PM-7PM
Team Canadian Tire- Practice- Haliburton @ 7PM-8PM
Team Home Hardware- Practice- Minden @ 7:30PM-8:30PM
Team McKeck's- Practice- Haliburton @ 8PM-9PM

Saturday, November 5

Initiation 2- Practice- Haliburton @ 9AM-10AM
Team TD Canada Trust vs. Bancroft- Haliburton @ 10AM
Team Rotary vs. Team Pharmasave- Haliburton @ 11AM
Team McKeck's vs. Wilberforce- Haliburton @ 12PM
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Jets reports

The Leveque Brothers / Rock Breaker Pee wee Girls played a regular season game on Sunday in Cobourg as they took on the West Northumberland Wild. The Jets dominated the game firing shots at the opposing netminder. With a quick goal scored by Elyse Ives and assisted by Ryan Rupnow and Emily Alexander, the Jets kept the goals coming to win with a final score of 7-0. Additional goals were scored by Ives (2), Emma Tidey (2), Trista Young and Hailey Hudder. Assists went to Tidey (2), H. Hudder (2), Olivia Villamere (2), Avery Coens, Alexander and Ava Smith. The Jets take on the Cold Creek Comets at home on Sunday Nov. 13, 2 p.m. in Haliburton.

On Saturday afternoon, **The Parkview Dental/Canadian Tire Bantam Girls** took on the Cold Creek Comets at the NHCC. Despite keeping up with the Comets for the first two-and-a-half periods, the Jets lost 1-0 with the Comets scoring the only goal of the game with four minutes left in the third. The Jets tried to even or better the score but came up empty-handed. Courtney Semach played a solid game in the net for the Jets.

Sunday afternoon saw the Jets use their Saturday loss to motivate them to take the win 2-0 over the Otonabee Wolverines. Olivia Martin, unassisted, scored the first goal for the Jets near the end of the first period. With 1:57 remaining in the second, Beth Brownlee pumped one in the net, assisted by Emma Neuman. Another strong showing between the pipes by Semach ensured the shutout for the Jets. *(Submitted by Linda Goulet)*

The **Bancroft I.D.A. / Red Eagle Family Campground Midget B Girls** hosted the always combative and pesky Cold Creek Comets on Friday night in Bancroft. The Jets and the Comets battled the entire night in the action-packed contest. After a scoreless first period, Katie Funk slipped a wrister into the top of the Cold Creek net late in the second period, capitalizing on the power play pressure applied by her wingers, Jules Croskery and Tori Shpikula. Cold Creek ramped up their physical play, trying to find the equalizer goal in the third period but Katie Hoover stopped all Comet attempts to try and tie the game in the 1-0 shutout win.

On Sunday evening, the Jets travelled to Frankford to

take on the Comets again, in their weekend home and home match-up. Bancroft took an early 1-0 lead late in the first period when Kenndal Marsden beat the Comet tender after stealing the puck deep in the Cold Creek end. The Comets continued to pressure the Jets and capitalized on two key scoring opportunities to take a second period 2-1 lead. Bancroft accepted the challenge and battled back early in the third period with Drew Rupnow deflecting Marsden's shot from a sweet feed from Danielle Sunstrum. The Comets continued with their pressure attack and found the net, scoring on a delayed Bancroft penalty midway through the third period, taking the lead again at 3-2. The Jets showed grit and hustle late in the third period, and found the 3-3 equalizing goal with Marsden's late period tally, and second of the night, as she beat the Comet defense and tender off a beauty rush from the Jet blue line. The Midgets have an undefeated season record of 6-0-2. Next game is against the Comets on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 4:30 p.m. in Bancroft. *(Submitted by Dan Marsden)*

Storm reports

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Haedicke moved in from the point and took a shot, Matt Manning was in front and able to re-direct the puck into the net, tying the game, 2-2. The Storm maintained their unbeaten record in regular season action with three wins and one tie.

It was a 6-3 home victory for the Storm on Tuesday, Nov. 8 against the Sturgeon Lake Thunder. Since mid-week games are not easy for travelling teams, this gave the Storm a firecracker start. Passes from Trevor Turner and Patterson-Smith led to a ready Manning and his keen eye easily found the opening. A few minutes later, with the Storm still overpowering the Thunder, a rush developed up the middle. A quick pass from Nik Dollo found the stick of Paydon Miscio, who expertly made his way through the defence and snapped in the second goal. The Thunder capitalized on an opportunity and trickled one in, making it 2-1. While the Storm was on a penalty kill, Chris Thompson took a breakaway pass from Dollo and perfectly shot the target, now a 3-1 Storm game. The skills of the Storm were on display as they dominated play with some awesome passes and puck control. The action was around the Thunder's net and a perfectly timed pass from Miscio came as Shawn Walker closed in from the point and he made it 4-1 ending the first period. In the second, a pass from Andrew Hall, to the stick of Miscio, who fed it forward. It was a race to the puck that was won by Manning. He pushed his way toward the net, with the Thunder by his side and it was all determination that led to the fifth goal. The Storm continued to control the play, rushing the net and owning the puck. It was a deflecting

shot by the Storm that got in, making it a 6-1 game, given to Devyn Prentice, assist from Patterson-Smith and Shawn Walker. The Thunder turned up the heat and a bouncing puck found the opening, making it a 6-2 game ending the second period. The Thunder continued to push and closed in to make an unstoppable shot in the third, closing the gap, 6-3. The third period offered some action by both teams but the Storm held their ground to win.

Join us in Minden at 8:30 p.m., Friday Nov. 11, for action against Muskoka Rock. *(Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke)*

Haliburton Timber Mart/ Canadian Tire Novices

The Highland Storm Novice team travelled to Grand Bend on the weekend for the Bill Batten Memorial tournament. Their first game was against the South Huron Sabres on Friday, Nov. 4 and was an early test for the Storm. After three periods of play, the Storm came up short and netted their first loss of the tournament.

Looking to rebound, the Storm faced the Ingersoll Express. The Storm came out strong in the first two periods with solid positional play and passing. Unfortunately, Ingersoll was the better team on this day and handed the Storm their second loss of the tournament.

With one game left in round-robin play, the Storm put forth a better team effort against the Mooretown Junior Flags. They had more opportunities to rush the puck and strong defensive play allowed for better scoring chances. But it was not to be for the Storm. The Mooretown

Junior Flags handed the Storm their final loss of the tournament. The Storm host Ennismore on Friday, Nov. 11 in Haliburton. Puck drops at 7 p.m. *(Submitted by Janice Scheffee)*

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Glitzy gala to end HIFF

Peggy Cassils, Lisa Kerr and Carol McClennan work behind the scenes as the Haliburton International Film Festival (HIFF) wound up a highly successful 10th anniversary season with a gala at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Sunday. A sold-out crowd emerged from the last film, *Les Innocentes*, to a lavish lunch spread put on by the HIFF committee. The room was decorated with flags from around the world, representing the foreign films that were shown. There was even a red carpet and HIFF backdrop for photo opportunities. (Lisa Gervais)



Opening the red doors

Dana Cheer works on a cup handle at the Haliburton School of Art and Design's (HSAD) open house Saturday. Visitors were invited into classroom studios to watch students work. Students and instructors were also happy to answer questions. The open house showed off the experiential learning that occurs at the local Fleming College campus. It was also an opportunity for parents and potential students to find out about financial assistance, scholarships, bursaries, and student support services. Visitors were also encouraged to explore the village, investigate potential housing and take a walk on the sculpture forest trail. (Lisa Gervais)

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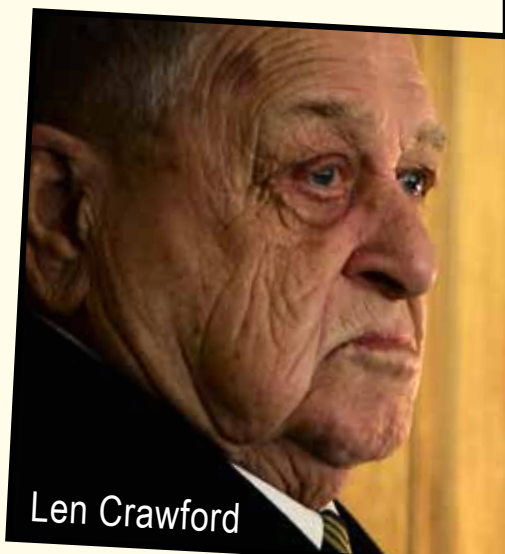
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Peacefully at Highland Wood Nursing Home in Haliburton on Tuesday evening, November 1, 2016 in her 91st year. Beloved wife of the late Moss McCracken. Loving mother of Claudia (William Little), Perry (Jackie) and Brad (Anne). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Jeffrey (Kristy), Wendy (Ben), Alex (Shannon), Steven (Robyn), Todd (Jenn), Krista (Bill) and by her great grandchildren Lucas, Charlotte, Marlo, Liam, Kennedy, Cambell, Raven, Evan, Ainsley and Michael. Dear sister of Betty Lou (John Field). Predeceased by her sisters Ruby, Muriel, Gladys and Lois. Also lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Helen worked as the cook at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School for close to 30 years. She enjoyed curling, fishing, bingo, sewing, chess, playing cards and most of all her family.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Wednesday morning, November 9, 2016 for a Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. Reception to follow in The Community Room. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family.



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HELP WANTED

DRIVERS needed for Hyland Taxi. G License for taxi is required. B,C or F License for 11 passenger van and bus. Call 705-457-9898

ARTS COUNCIL - Haliburton Highlands Annual General Meeting Wednesday November 16, 2016 5:30-7:30 Haliburton Highlands Museum. All are welcome to attend.

MONDAY MEDITATION Gatherings. Inceptional Soul Services hosts guided relaxation every Monday until Nov. 14th 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Light Hatch Studio, 156 Highland St. \$10 drop-in fee. Contact nancy@inceptionalsoul.com

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EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE - HIGHLANDS EAST Fire Department, Sat., Nov. 12, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Join us for FREE family fun at 2259 Loop Rd, Wilberforce, rain or shine. Call 705-448-2440 for info.

VALDY IN CONCERT, Nov 13th, 2:00 p.m. at Northern Lights Pavilion, Haliburton. Tickets \$25 each, can be purchased from haliburtonfolk.com

COUNTRY JAMBOREE, Coboconk Legion, Sunday November 13th 1 - 5 p.m. Open mic, cost \$8.00, light lunch available.

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS FIED NATURALISTS presents Cara Steele from Abbey Gardens and David Belsey, Professor of Sustainable Building & Design at Fleming College. Tues., Nov. 15, 1 p.m. at Haliburton Highlands Museum. \$5 public admission, HHFN members free.

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Please forward resume in confidence to: ADMINISTRATOR/DOC, Extendicare Haliburton, Box 780, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0
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A WARM THANK YOU!

I would like to thank Dr. Laurie Brown for organizing such a wonderful retirement event for me at the Pinestone Resort. It was heart-warming to see so many friends & clients at the Open House and I would like to thank them for their kind words, cards and gifts.

The lovely music provided by Stuart Elliott & Stan Russell transformed the ambiance in the room and made the afternoon even more special for everyone!

I feel blessed to have worked with such wonderful colleagues and supportive staff and I will miss them all. Besides my work mates, I will miss the wonderful owners and their animals, large & small, who I have had the honour of caring for over the past 32 years as a veterinarian.

Once again, thank you Laurie, for making my retirement so special. The Pinestone Resort was a wonderful venue & the staff & dinner were exemplary!

With great fondness and respect,
Dr. Joan Grant

IN MEMORY

In Loving Memory

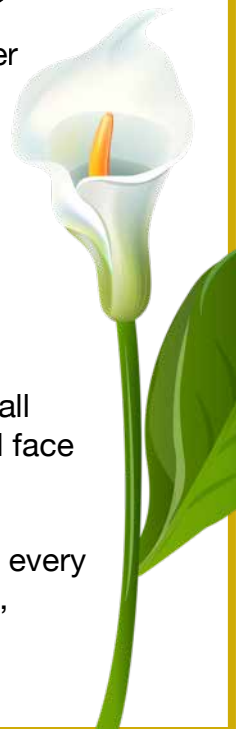
of a dear husband, father and grandfather

Melvin Smith

Jan 1934 – Nov 2004

Of all the gifts in life
However great or small
To have you as my dad
Was the greatest gift of all
A special time, a special face
A dad I can't replace

Loved and remembered every day
Larry, Donelda, Kirk,
Cheryl and Family.



EVENTS

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EVENTS

HALIBURTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, presents Martin Hoflan, author of "Warboy", speaking at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Haliburton on Thurs. Nov.17, 1:30 p.m., sharing his personal experience of living through war.

ABBEY GARDENS SHORTBREAD PROJECT – It's baking time! Using donated ingredients and volunteer time, we bake up 2,000 cookies for Meals on Wheels clients. Want to volunteer to help with baking on Nov 19th? Contact Ida Shultz 705-457-2941 ext 2926.

HIGHLANDS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA – "Future Front & Centre" Concert. Sat., Nov., 19, 2016, 7:30 p.m. at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets \$15. Available at Cranberry Cottage & Minden Pharmasave. 705-286-0413

EVENTS



Join in the fun as we "light up"
Main Street for the holiday
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MERRY MINDEN "LIGHTS & DELIGHTS" On Main

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18th
6:00pm-8:00pm

- Kids can meet Santa!
- Hot chocolate provided by Minden Girl Guides
- Wood fired pizza provided by Into the Blue Bakery
- Carols by St. Paul's Anglican Church
- Entertainment by Stan Russell (in Gazebo)
- Start your holiday shopping early by visiting these participating stores.
 - Clothes Encounters of the Thrift Kind
 - Country Magic
 - Pharmasave
 - Up River Trading Co.
 - Sassy Digs
 - Wall Flower Studio
- 7pm. Gather at the Village Green as we turn on the holiday lights

For more information please contact
Elisha at 705-286-2298



VISIBLE VOICES
OPEN ARTS STUDIO – "Creative Interlude: Basic Sewing 2". Sun. Nov., 20, 1 – 3 p.m. Open to everyone 12 and older. Suggested donation \$15 or pay what you can. More info, or register at info@openartsstudio.ca or phone 286-2587

VON SMART exercise program for balance, strength, and flexibility. Minden on Wed. at 11 a.m. in the Hyland Crest Auditorium, and in Haliburton on Thurs. at 1 p.m. at Echo Hills. For more information contact Judy Webb at 705-286-5098 or Carol Browne at 705-

THE FOOD HUB at Abbey Gardens. Open Thursday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. We are 10 minutes from the village of Haliburton, towards Carnarvon- just off the 118 highway, fronting on Green Lake

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH", presented by Highlands Festival Singers. Two shows, Nov 26 & 27, 2:30 p.m. at Haliburton United Church. Tickets \$20, call 705-457-4916 to reserve.

Every Monday Pickle Ball – Lloyd Watson Centre – 3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Every Monday Pickleball at Haliburton High School, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Cost \$2, equipment supplied. Bring clean indoor running shoes.

EVENTS



NOTICE Council Meeting Location Change

Notice is hereby provided that the regularly scheduled Council Meetings for the Township of Algonquin Highlands will be held at the **Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall** located at 1095 North Shore Road on the following dates:

Thursday November 17, 2016
Thursday December 8, 2016

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CAO/Clerk
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HALIBURTON VILLAGE SANTA CLAUS PARADE



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH AT 6:30

BANDS....HORSES...MARCHERS...BRIGHT LIGHTS

To enter your float contact

Jim Frost at 705 457-4031

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"Tree Lighting and
Carols" at the "Town
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EVENTS

EVERY TUESDAY.
Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 519, Coboconk
Progressive euchre at
1:00pm. Cost is \$2 per
person

EVERY TUESDAY.
Euchre at West Guilford
Community Center 7
p.m. For information, call
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CANCER SUPPORT
GROUP open to anyone
who has been diagnosed
with or survived cancer.
We meet the 3rd Tuesday
of every month in the
Ruth Parkes Room at the
Haliburton Hospital from
1 –3 p.m. Please contact
Lynn Higgs Thompson
705-457-2941 for more
information.

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Minden on Tuesdays at
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For more info contact
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*Parklane
Christmas Sale*

1 Victoria St. (across
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**Sat., Nov. 19,
9 am - 2 pm.**
Bake Table, Crafts,
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“Popcorn” Tops, Knitted
Items, Trash & Treasure
Table, Sandwiches, Tea
& Coffee available.

EVENTS



**KINMOUNT & AREA
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Mistletoe Magic Christmas Sale

Saturday November 19
10 am - 2 pm
Kinmount Community Centre
(West from Cty Rd. 121 on 45 West)

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REFRESHMENTS • COME ONE - COME ALL! •

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- DOWN**
- 1. Takes a break
 - 2. Motor inn
 - 3. Trap
 - 4. Tavern
 - 5. Joan of ____
 - 6. Slightest
 - 7. Soft belt
 - 8. On an ocean trip
 - 9. Ball-shaped objects
 - 10. Discoverer's cry
 - 11. Accomplished
 - 16. Start
 - 20. Car cooling device
 - 22. Departed
 - 23. Make better
 - 25. Rage
 - 26. Raggedy ____
 - 28. Counterpart
 - 29. Native minerals
 - 30. Kid
 - 31. Compass dir.
 - 32. Vine support
 - 37. Film spools
 - 38. Take as one's own
 - 39. Cowboy show
 - 40. Goody
 - 42. Swerve
 - 43. She, to Pierre
 - 45. Joke
 - 46. Physicians' group (abbr.)
 - 48. Average grade
 - 49. Blasting substance (abbr.)

- ACROSS**
- 1. Motel units (abbr.)
 - 4. Hobby wood
 - 9. Sorrowful
 - 12. Long period
 - 13. Zones
 - 14. ____ Beta Kappa
 - 15. Story connector
 - 17. Owned
 - 18. Gull's kin
 - 19. Use jointly
 - 21. ____ of hand (magic trick)
 - 24. Operatic melody
 - 27. Boot tip
 - 28. Up-to-date
 - 30. Eve part
 - 33. Out of bed
 - 34. Tel Aviv's country
 - 35. Iced ____
 - 36. Red vegetable
 - 37. Begin again
 - 41. River embankment
 - 44. Aroma
 - 45. Lass
 - 47. Conducting contact
 - 50. French friend
 - 51. Comic ____ DeGeneres
 - 52. Tiny vegetable
 - 53. Cooking fuel
 - 54. Adjust again
 - 55. Young child

What's on

NOVEMBER 2016 EVENTS

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| EVERY MONDAY Drop-in Basketball at the Dorset Recreation Centre, 5 – 6 p.m. Equipment provided, \$5/adults, \$2.50/youth or seniors, or free with membership. Tai Chi Class at the Dorset Recreation Centre, Mind – Body – Spirit – Health & Wellness. 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon. Fall session runs to Dec. 5, no class Oct 10. Beginners welcome! Pre-registration required. Call Valerie at 705-767-1177. Table Tennis , 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre. \$3/person. Contact Elisha Weiss for more info 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca | | | | 19th Annual Festival of Trees , Kawartha Settler's Village, 85 Dunn St., Bobcaygeon. | REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES Coboconk 11 a.m. at the Legion Haliburton 11 a.m. at the cenotaph Minden 10:45 a.m. at the cenotaph Norland 10:45 a.m. at the cenotaph Wilberforce 11 a.m. at the cenotaph | Shop early for Christmas at Minden Health Care Auxiliary's BAUBLES'N BAGS Sale. 1 - 4 p.m. at Hyland Crest Auditorium on MacPherson Street. Cash or Cheque Only. Jewelry, Purses, Scarves, Refreshments & much more! |
| COUNTRY JAMBOREE , Coboconk Legion, Sunday November 13th 1 - 5 p.m. Open mic, cost \$8.00, light lunch available. Haliburton Folk Society presents Valdy in concert, Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Haliburton. 2 p.m., Tickets available haliburtonfolk.com | New! Games Night at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Drop in Mondays from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. All ages from 9 to 90 welcome! Bring your own games or choose from our selection. \$5/adults, \$2.50 youth/senior, or free with membership. | Haliburton Highlands Transportation Summit , Haliburton Legion 8:30 a.m. To participate, call 705-464-2422. | Chef Jamie Burton of the Riverside Inn, Norland is celebrity cooking at 5:30pm at the Minden Food Bank Community Kitchen | Haliburton County Historical Society , Nov 17, 1:30 p.m., at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Haliburton. Speaker: Martin Hoflan, author of "Warboy", sharing his personal experience of living through war. | | HUNTSVILLE FARMERS' MARKET CHRISTMAS SHOW - 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Trinity United Church, Huntsville, 33 Main Street, Huntsville, ON Highlands Chamber Orchestra "Future Front & Centre" concert 7:00pm, Northern Lights Pavilion |
| VISIBLE VOICES OPEN ARTS STUDIO – "Creative Interlude: Basic Sewing 2". 1 – 3 p.m. \$15 or pay-what-you-can. Open to everyone 12 and older. Suggested donation \$15 or pay what you can. More info, or register at info@openartsstudio.ca or phone 286-2587 | New! Games Night at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Drop in Mondays from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. All ages from 9 to 90 welcome! Bring your own games or choose from our selection. \$5/adults, \$2.50 youth/senior, or free with membership. | Breastfeeding Class , 6 – 8 p.m., Contact the Health Unit for details 705-457-1391 | Walking Wednesdays , 9:30 – 11 a.m. Meet at the Rail's End Gallery & Arts Centre, 23 York St. Everyone is welcome! Rain or shine. | | Haliburton Village Santa Clause Parade – 6:30 p.m., Highland St., Haliburton. Enjoy the magic of Christmas during this annual event. | Minden Hills Santa Clause Parade! 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., downtown Minden. |

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

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| HALIBURTON BRANCH Monday bridge 1pm Tuesday dart league starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday bid euchre 1 p.m. start, bingo doors open at 6 p.m, bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 jackpot - last Wednesday of the month. Thursday general meeting second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. Friday cribbage 1 p.m. start. Meat draw five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw ... Chester Howse, MC Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards Saturday 50/50 draw 4 p.m. draw, tickets | \$1 each from noon onwards Sunday breakfast second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed. Remembrance Day service 11 a.m., Nov. 11 and dinner in the main hall – doors open at 5 p.m. / dinner at 6 p.m. – \$20 per person. Anyone or organization wishing to lay a Remembrance Day wreath, please contact the branch. Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571 | Ladies darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m. Fish/wings & chips, Friday, noon-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m. Bid euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, \$12 Sports fan day, Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, noon-2 p.m. Liver lovers' special, Tuesday noon-2 p.m. (full menu also) Meat draws, Wednesday lunch time. Watch for local posters and listen to Canoe FM, and Moose FM, for special events on Saturdays. Remembrance Day service 10:45 a.m., Nov. 11 at the town cenotaph. | WILBERFORCE BRANCH Friday pool 1:30 p.m. ham & scalloped dinner 5-7 p.m. jam session 7:30 p.m. Saturday meat draw 2 p.m. – early bird 3 p.m. SHARP Monday bid euchre 7 p.m. beginners welcome Wednesday fun darts 7:30 p.m. Remembrance Day service 11 a.m., Nov. 11 at the cenotaph. Important: If you have an hour to spare to help this year's Poppy Campaign, please contact the branch at 705-448-2221 to sign up. Thank you. |
| MINDEN BRANCH General meeting, first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. start | | | |

FREE EVENTS!


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What's on



Then...



...Now

The Highlands Festival Singers will perform Handel's Messiah on Nov. 26 and 27 at the Haliburton United Church. It will feature former Highlands Opera Studio participants as soloists. Both shows will start at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at Cranberry Cottage, Minden Pharmasave, Cottage Country Log Cabin or by calling 705-457-4916.

Left: The Highlands Festival Singers perform for the first time at the Haliburton Legion in 1991. Conductor Melissa Stephens is pictured front, centre. *Submitted.* Right: The Highland Festival Singers during a recent practice. *Photo by Alex Coop.*

Festival singers celebrate 25 years of music

By Mark Arike

All it took was an idea and a conversation to spark the formation of a new choir.

But little did its founders know it would still be going strong 25 years later.

"That's a long time," says Melissa Stephens, conductor of the Highlands Festival Singers.

"We never thought the choir would last for very long."

For close to 30 years, Stephens has directed two other local choirs—one at the Haliburton United Church and the other at the Zion United Church in Carnarvon. They always put on an Easter performance on Good Friday.

After one of those performances 25 years ago, local residents Bill Gliddon, Wayne Cooper and Stephens's husband Craig discussed the concept of bringing together all of the local choirs to perform Handel's Messiah, an oratorio composed in 1741 by

George Frideric Handel.

Stephens took a nap after delivering two exhausting morning services and awoke to several phone messages.

"By the time it was all done, Bill was playing, I was conducting and Wayne was going to be the manager," she recalls.

People had to apply to be part of the choir and audition to be a soloist. The response was positive, with 75 people joining.

They took the stage for the first time in December of 1991 with a performance of Handel's holiday classic.

"We thought when we put this together that it would be for the one time and that would be it," she says.

But they decided to continue because it sounded so good when they came together.

The group was originally called Haliburton Messiah Choir, but underwent a name change six years ago to reflect the more diverse nature of the arrangements

they now perform.

Ever since forming, the choir has put on concerts in the spring and fall. They continue to perform Handel's Messiah once every five years.

The choir currently consists of 55 members, including a few men. About 10 of the founding members remain.

Carnarvon resident Joan Chapple is one of these people.

"You certainly develop your ability to read music and tackle more difficult music," said Chapple, who has been singing at the Zion United Church since the age of 11. She is now 81.

Not only has it been rewarding musically, but also socially.

"I've made friendships that are lifelong," she said.

Jessie Pflug was also a member of Zion's choir before joining the festival singers 25 years ago. She was 48 at the time.

Just like Chapple, she spoke highly of Stephens and her commitment to the choir.

"I just loved what she brought out in the singers," says Pflug. "She certainly brought us to great heights. There's a lot more polish on the group now than there was then."

And Stephens has big plans to mark the choir's anniversary. In the spring, she will bring together 150 vocalists for three performances, including a stop at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden on May 9. Titled "A Canadian Choral Celebration—150 Years, 150 Voices," it will fall in line with Canada's sesquicentennial anniversary.

She is putting together three of her choirs in Haliburton, Bancroft and Lindsay, as well as putting out a call to former members.

"We're doing a Canadian concert in each of those venues," she says. "It's going to be huge."

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BURNT RIVER
\$439,900



- 183 acres and 250 feet of shoreline
- 3 bedroom home with many upgrades
- Large livingroom w/WETT stone fireplace
- 36' x 24' garage, paved road to door
- Swimming, fishing, & small boating off dock.

KINMOUNT GROCERY STORE
\$549,000



- Thriving recession-proof business
- 4,000 sq. ft. retail, 2,000 sq. ft stock room
- Price includes bldg., land, & fixtures
- Direct waterfront access from your own dock
- Includes 1,000 sq. ft. 2 bedroom apartment.

For a free opinion of value on your property, or to automatically receive listings that meet your criteria via e-mail, please contact Steve anytime.

BRADY LAKE DON'T MISS OUT - JUST REDUCED - \$399,900



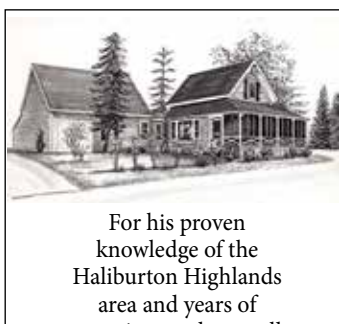
This four bedroom, four season cottage/home comes with a separately deeded 100' lot! The superb dock has room for all the toys and loads of people with a sandy shallow entry to the side. You will love the layout and especially the huge glassed-in great room. This place was made for entertaining - including the hot tub and sauna! Recently painted with a newer furnace and new flooring throughout. It's ready to come and enjoy.



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For his proven knowledge of the Haliburton Highlands area and years of experience, please call Wes for a free evaluation and get your property **SOLD**.

MINDEN BUILDING LOT
\$23,900



- Close to Minden Village
- Smaller 0.34 acre parcel on cul-de-sac
- Neighbourhood of similar homes
- Corner posts have been marked
- Partially cleared lot.

NEED NEW LISTINGS!



This is an excellent time to sell, with a shortage of properties for sale and attractive low interest rates. For a free evaluation on your property, please call Larry for fast and efficient service.



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CAREFREE COTTAGING
\$77,000

- 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 storey cottage
- Enjoy 5 weeks of stress-free cottaging
- Sand beach, docks, tennis, playground
- Fireplace, screened porch, covered deck
- Everything is done for you - come & enjoy.



THE BEACH HOUSE
\$129,900

- 1+1 bedroom brick bungalow
- Steps away from public beach
- Close to amenities, yr-round access
- Open concept, nicely renovated
- Walkout to new rear deck.



BRAND NEW HOME
\$200,000

- 4 bedroom, 2 bath cottage, 1,470 square feet
- Hardwood and ceramic floors
- Several walkouts to decking areas
- Access to Clear and Gull Lakes
- Adjacent vacant lot also available.



HOME WITH GUEST HOUSE
\$229,900

- 2+1 bedroom, home with garage
- 79 acres with pond and trail system
- Insulated workshop area with loft
- Self contained guest house
- Ideal family retreat.



UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY
\$239,900

- 3 bedroom home/cottage with loft
- 2.5 acres, huge wrap-around deck
- Shallow w/sand entry, deep water off dock
- Full basement with walkout
- Quiet no motor lake.



ABUTTING PARKLANDS
\$374,900

- 4 bedroom, 2 bath cottage, 1.1 acres
- 153' frontage, clean sand beach
- Exceptional privacy, nice views
- Sunroom, stone fireplace, master ensuite
- Large principle rooms, lakeside deck.



RIVERSIDE HOME
\$375,000

- 1+3 bedroom, 2+1 bath home
- Access to 3 lake chain
- Modern home, level lot, 2 decks
- Fully finished lower level
- Detached garage, ample parking.



HOME WITH GUEST COTTAGE
\$775,000

- 3+2 bedroom, 3,200 sq. ft. living space
- 2.65 acres, extensive deck and dock
- Finished lower level walkout, wet bar
- Custom kitchen, hardwood floors
- Turn-key set-up, ready to enjoy.



SIMPLY SPECTACULAR
\$888,000

- 3+2 bedroom, 5.5 bath, 6,000 sq. ft. living space
- 1,269' waterfront, 7.85 acres
- Double attached & detached garages
- Sauna, walkouts, patio, Bunkie
- Adjacent waterfront lot also available.

• \$59,900 Gull River 120' frontage, 2.3 acres
• \$159,900 Teds Lake 390' frontage, 1.48 ac
• \$179,900 Pelaw Lake 154' frontage, 1.41 acres

• \$244,900 West Lake 192' frontage, 1.1 acres
• \$249,500 West Lake 251' frontage, 0.83 acre
• \$250,000 Kushog Lake 131' frontage, 0.37 acre

• \$264,000 White Lake 335' frontage, 1.84 acres
• \$275,000 Growler Lake 633' frontage, 2.93 acres
• \$475,000 Canning Lake 700' frontage, 6.8 acres

• \$19,900 Irish Line 1 acre, level building lot
• \$22,000 North Shore Rd 3 acres, close to 3 lake chain
• \$39,000 North Road 4.23 acres, close to ski hill

• \$39,900 Hwy. 118 6.01 acres, cleared, ready to build
• \$39,900 Hwy. 503 1.64 acre, Glamorgan Road intersection
• \$59,900 North Street 1.14 acre, Haliburton Village

• \$77,900 Gelert Road 100 acres, 2 ponds, great hunting
• \$92,900 Halbiem Crescent 0.46 acre, overlooks Head Lake
• \$139,000 Hwy. 35 65 acres, access to Halls Lake

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